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A Vision seen by Emily, Pearcefield
(now in the 12th year of her age)
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I was sitting on the bench with the rest of the girls; and I don't know what I was thinking about, or what my feelings were, but the first thing I felt was my arms began to be in motion which I could not help; and then my hands crossed in my lap, Then I thought I went down stairs, and went a little distance from the house. Then I thought I went right up, and I don't know how I went so; and I knew I was going to a white house, and the next thing I knew I was in the hall and then into a room, before I knew how I got there; where Eldress Molly, Mother Ann, and Mother Lucy was. — Eldress Molly was standing not far ^{from} me, and spoke to me and called me by name; and then said to me; — This is Mother Ann and Mother Lucy, and then told them who I was. — Then Mother Lucy went and sat down, and Mother Ann and Eldress Molly, hugged one another, then they all went and sat down, and I went and sat down by Eldress Molly; and they were all dressed in white, — all their clothes were white, and while we were sitting there, I looked down at my-self, and I had on a white gown and white shoes and stockings. — Every thing was white, — the chairs and the room was white. I sat there about 5 minutes. Then Eldress Molly got up and told me to come with her; and she took me across a hall and opened a door right on the other side, before Mother Ann's door; where Jesus, and Father James, and W^m Pearce was. — (This W^m Pearce was an uncle of hers, a good young Brother, who deceased, in Sept. last) Then Eldress Molly went out and left me, and they all arose to their feet, and W^m said this is Father James and Jesus, I suppose you don't know them as you have never seen them before — and then told them who I was; then they all set down again, and Jesus asked me if this was not a mighty pretty white house; I told him it was. —

Then I looked across on that side of the room (pointing to the north) and saw six little books lying on a white table; and the books looked like they were covered with some kind of white cloth, with little fine red checks - and there was something else on the table that I thought was an inkstand. - it was like 2 round glasses joined together in the middle by a screw; and ink or something like ink, was in the top one. - Then I looked up at the windows, and there was 3 slides instead of 2 meaning sashes) and there were 3 panes inside. - The room was white and their table was white and their chairs, and their ~~clothes~~ clothes were white except Jeon's coat, and that was a changeable color, looked brown and blue and was slicker and shinier and prettier than the rest. - Then I went out of the room into the hall, and saw Eldref Molly with the ^{girls} I live with, and she wiped her hand over their faces twice a round; and some she touched and some she did not. One of them asked her to set down; and she said she did not care about setting down; and then she, said, "farewell one and all. The she took me down a pair of stairs, that was not as white as the rest of the building; and opened a door into a dark room, where the bad folks was: and there seemed to be more than a hundred all chained to one big one, except a few that were chained to the coats of others; - But there was one that was nearly as big as the big one, and I got close up to him - they were all on their hands and knees and held their heads down. Eldref Molly told me to walk over them to the other side of the room, and said they would not hurt me; so I walked over them, but ^{did} not see any but just them right before me, and felt like I was walking on the ground. - Then, as I got over on the other side of the room; something like a great sheet of fire fell in among them, and around me, but did not hurt me, and one of them made a loud groan and scart me till I trembled. Then I went back over them to the door I came in at, and Eldref Molly was there waiting for me. - Then she took me up the same

stairs I came down, and took me along a hall into a room where there seemed to be 8 or 9 grown sisters, and about 30 little girls; all sitting in 2 rows facing each other; and they all arose to their feet, and as we passed along they all bowed their heads, and there was one that bowed twice, and thinks I to my= self, that's my sister, I wish I was in her place (One that died when she was very young) and after we had nearly got along the rows, I saw that the end of the rows turned off round that is in a curve) on each side of the door where we were going out; and at the end of one row, I saw 2 chairs that was vacant, and seemed to be fastened together which made me think they were all fastened together. Then Eldress Molly took me down another pair of stairs, and opened a door and took ^{me} in a room where there was 50 people; some brethren, mostly sisters, all flying round, and thro and thro and back and forth, but the brethren kept in one company and the sisters in another; and among the sisters I saw one little bity one, that I noticed more than all the rest, it was not more than 20 high, (putting her hands about 6 or 8 inches apart) and its little bity hands and feet and face did look so pretty, and it was dressed just like the other sisters, had on a white cap white hankerchief, white gown and white shoes and stockings, and flew about very swift, more like a bee than anything else I can think of, and the brethren were all dressed in white. Then I looked up in the top of the room, and I saw a mighty pretty white bird flying across and around and back and forth; and Eldress Molly put up her hand, and the bird seemed to come to her, and she took hold of its feet, Then one of the sisters spoke, but I could not tell what she said) Then Eldress Molly stroked her hand over it 2 or 3 times; and then asked me if I didn't want to stroke my hand over it. - I told her I did: and then stroked my hand over it 3 or 4 times, and it did feel mighty pretty, slick and good to my hand. It was more like a dove than any other bird

only it was white and its feet was not like any other bird I ever seen, they were just like 2 pins crossed only they were blunt at the ends of the toes, and did not seem to have any joints in them but was strait. Then Eldref Molly took ^{me} up the same stairs I came down; into a hall; where there was 6 brethren and 6 sisters standing facing each other first one bowed his head, and then the sister facing him, and they all did several times. One sister bowed her head twice at me and I thought her name was Jane Kilkton. Then Eldref Molly went away; and a sister came out of a room and took me to a window that seemed to be in the end of the hall, and asked me to look out, I did so I did not know what for. Then she took ^{me} down another pair of stairs, that I never had been down before; and along a hall to a big door, and opened it and we staped on a platform, that had 3 steps to the ground, then she asked me if the ground didn't ^{look} mighty pretty and white. I told her it did and I saw something blue growing that looked some like grass but it was not grass - it was about that long, (showing the length of her little finger,) and was flat and grew scattering; and had a bud on the end of it like a spice clove. Then the sister went down the steps and pulled 3 buds and gave them to me, and asked me if they didn't smell mighty good; I told her they did. - Then she took me in again and Eldref Molly was there, and the sister left me. Then Eldref Molly asked me if I knew who that sister was that ^{was} with me. I said nay, and then she told me her name was Marene Winging. - Then Eldref Molly took me up the same stairs I came down and along the hall into Mother Ann's room where I was before Mother Ann was setting down but she got up and spoke to me and asked me if I did not intend to be a good girl; I said yes, Then Mother Ann went into Jesus's room, and Eldref Molly took me along

the same hall and down the stairs to the big door and when I got onto the platform she said farewell, and I said farewell, and she left me. Then as I put my foot onto the second step I saw Elder Benjamin and Eldress Malinda in our meeting house, they was both walking almost as swift as if they flew, Elder Benjamin was going from his room to Eldress Malinda's room; and Eldress Malinda was going from the south to the north side of the house, at this time I seemed to be in the meeting house and I dont remember how I got there - then I went down stairs and started down a little hill and when I got about halfway down the hill I met a brother, and he made 2 bows at me, first on my left and then stepped a step and bowed on my right. He was not dressed in white, nor I did not know him, so after I went a little past him the first thing I knew I was here in the room then I said to the girls; I have seen Eldress Molly: and some of them began to cry. Then I stoped and shut my eyes, and saw a company of angels dancing in checks, & made a check: and I saw 2 that sung, and their singing was ^{so} pretty I can not tell you. Then I told Sally if she would look behind her she would see angels dancing, then I told them all to look; but they could not see them, then I saw Jesus make 2 bows at (Sally Shirley) then turned round and bowed 2 more times at her, and then went out of sight, and it seemed to me that all the angels went with him.

Note - On being asked if Mother Ann and Eldress Molly smiled and looked pleasant when they hugged each other she said Ye they did so. Also some questions being asked her in relation to the light, she answered that it was neither like sunlight, moonlight, firelight, nor candlelight, but was brighter, clearer, and easier to her eyes. - Being asked about the company that were flying, she

said they flew strait (ie upright not horizontal) and they had no motion in their hands and feet,) had no wings) but kept their hands strait down. — And in relation to the buds the sister gave her; she said she kept them while she was going up stairs; but what she done with them she could not remember; nor she can think of any thing that smells like them, nor so good.

About the chairs she said they were different from our chairs, that they were all white and lower than our chairs — and had a peices on the out side of the back between the post, she remarked that Jesus chair was a little higher than the rest and consering the sheet of fire she see fall among the wicked, she said it had no blase; but was nearest like a living coal, of any thing she could think of, but it did not seem exactly like that. And as soon as it fell she could see it no more. She remarked that where she saw them setting, they sat very erect in their chairs; and when they were standing they stood very strait. — It is very curious the way she came to notice that she was dresed in white. — When she was in Mothers Amns room setting by Eldref Molly; she was noticing them and the way they sat, and she noticed that Eldref Molly; sat with her right foot a little before the other, and she thought ~~and she thought~~ she would set so too; and looking down to place her feet, ~~hold!~~ hold! her gown, shoes and stockings were white just ^{like} Eldref Mollys! She also remarked that Jesus was of midling height. Father James was considerably tall and slender. That Mother Amn was about midling height about as tall as Eldref Molly, Mother Lucy was taller and more slender than either of the. It is remarkable the difficulty the child feels in undertaking to describe the personal appearence of those she saw. There is nothing within her comprehension to which she can compare it they were whiter than any thing she can think of they had not the least

flesh appearance, yet she could distinguish their form and features as she can mortals. The house in its appearance must have been truly sublime and spiritual - from the best description she is able to give; every thing appeared most purely white and seemed to be composed of the same materials, except the glass, which also looked white as well as clear - the floor the walls, the ceiling, the window casing and every part of the house she noticed; seemed to have a spiritual white appearance. For there is nothing of which she can have any conception where unto she can liken the substance of which that building was composed, the windows seem to have a casing much simular to ours, except it was all smooth and in one solid piece, without the appearance of any framing; there was a knob by which the doors seemed to be opened and shut, but she cannot describe how, or whether the doors latched or not, for they made no noise. There were no pinboards, chairboards nor washboards nor joints in the floor; but the floor, walls, and ceiling seemed to be a solid continuation of the same spiritual substance.

During the time of her vision there was no grown person present: but the best account we can get from the little children; and from the time the teacher was absent; she must have been in vision about 20 or 30 minutes. The little girls were not much alarmed, but saw there was something strange the matter with Emily. She did not seem to breathe, and kept her ~~hands~~ eyes shut looked pleasant, sat erect on the bench, and kept her hands crossed in her lap. And during the time got up twice and turned round each time and sat down again. Such is the account by the children and we believe they have stated the circumstances as well as they could.